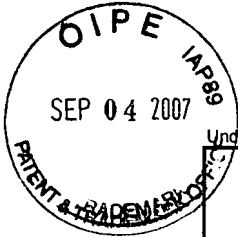


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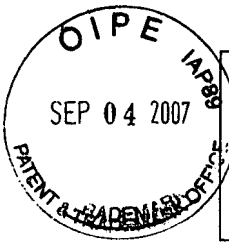
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Applicants are in receipt of the Office Action dated June 1, 2007 and request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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